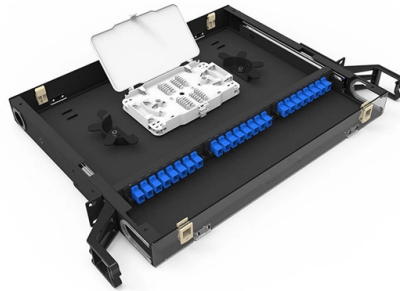


How to separate steel strand optical cables



AI Overview

Separating steel strand optical cables requires careful removal of the steel messenger or armored layers using specialized tools while protecting the optical fibers inside.

Understanding Steel Strand Optical Cables Steel strand optical cables typically consist of a steel messenger strand that supports the fiber and may include lashing wires or armored layers for protection. The steel strands are often made of carbon steel with zinc or zinc-aluminum coatings for corrosion resistance, and they are wrapped around a central wire. The optical fibers are either lashed to the steel strand or enclosed within an armored sheath.

Tools Required

- Cable Strippers:** For removing the outer jacket without damaging fibers.
- Steel Tape Remover (STR):** Specifically designed for armored or steel tape cables to safely cut and remove steel layers.
- Safety Equipment:** Safety glasses and gloves to protect against sharp steel strands and fiber shards.
- Fiber Stripping Tools:** For removing buffer coatings from the optical fibers after the steel layer is removed.

Step-by-Step Procedure

Prepare the Work Area: Ensure a clean, well-lit workspace and wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from sharp steel strands and fiber shards.

Remove the Outer Jacket: Use a cable stripper to carefully cut and peel back the outer polymer jacket of the cable, exposing the steel strands or armored layer.

Separate Steel Strands: For messenger strands, unwind or cut the lashing wire carefully using pliers or a steel tape remover. Avoid pulling on the fibers directly. For armored cables, use an STR tool to cut and remove the steel tape layer without nicking the fibers inside.

Expose Optical Fibers: Once the steel strands are removed, gently separate the optical fibers from the remaining strength members. Use fiber strippers to remove the buffer coating in preparation for splicing or termination.

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All fiber optic cables have strength members which are used to pull the cable with a swivel pulling eye. The strength members are usually made from aramid fibers like duPont Kevlar.

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After the cable jacket is cut, bend the cable over your thumb slightly to break the jacket loose all the way around. Pull off the end of the jacket to expose the fiber. You will need about 1m (3 feet) of exposed

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an existing lashed fiber optic or copper cable. This method of aerial cable installation, “overlashing,” is attractive because the expense of providing a separate suspens

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This procedure outlines the use of both dedicated messengers (a strand installed solely for the fiber optic cable), and “overlashing” installations in which a fiber optic cable is lashed to a copper or fiber

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Splicing a steel cable involves weaving its strands together to create a strong and reliable join; this process, outlined below, demonstrates how to splice a steel cable effectively, resulting in a

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After the strand is installed, a separate crew comes back through with fiber cable and lashes it to the messenger strand using a specialized tool called a lasher.

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Then, use a three-hole jacket stripper to strip off the cable jacket and remove the inner strand coating. Next, use a precision cleaver to cleave the fiber

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The combination of strand and optical fiber into a single cable allows rapid one-step installation and results in a more durable aerial plant. This procedure provides general guidance for the installation of

Aerial Cable Placing Procedure

Pole line construction and strand installation are not covered in this document. A working familiarity with aerial cable requirements, practices, and work operations is necessary as this guide does not cover

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Fiber optic termination is a necessary step for installing a fiber optic network. It is a physical connection of a fiber optic cable to create a seamless connection between similar or

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Aerial Fiber Deployment: Messenger Strand and Lashing Wire

A steel messenger is a stranded steel cable that acts as a support structure to which fiber optic cable is tied (lashed) by way of steel lashing wire. The steel messenger acts as a structure that supports the

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